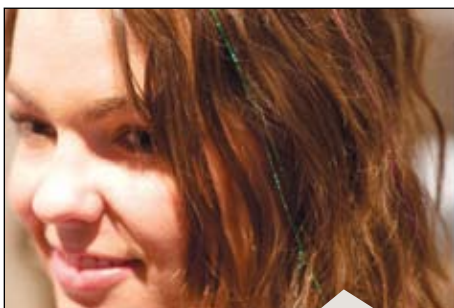


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Tuesday, August 30, 2011

## TODAY

### Calendar

#### The Ettes

Nashville-based rock band the Ettes will be at Emo's. Tickets are \$8 at the door, and check out page 13 for a preview of the show.

#### Meet the Greeks

The Multicultural Greek Panel will host a welcome event for interested students at 6 p.m. in the Texas Union Eastwoods Room.

#### Summer Film Classic

The Paramount Theatre continues its summer film series with "Some Like it Hot" and "The Apartment." The first film begins at 7 p.m.

#### Out of Bounds

The 10th annual improv, sketch and stand-up comedy festival will showcase comedians like Greg Proops, Stephanie Weir and Robert Dassie. The event begins Thursday and runs through Sept. 5 at several different venues.

### Today in history

#### In 1983

U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Guion S. Bluford becomes the first African-American to travel into space.

### Campus watch

#### 20 Questions

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### Quote to note

I think feathers are more of a fad. The tinsel is something that I think will last.

— Melinda Wolbert  
Hair stylist

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## Students depend less on parents, more on financial aid for tuition

By John Farey  
Daily Texan Staff

College students across the nation are paying less money out of their pockets for tuition but are becoming increasingly reliant on financial aid and scholarships, according to a report by educational loan firm Sallie Mae and Ipsos Public Affairs.

Across all income groups, students are paying 9 percent less on overall tuition and living expenses this academic year, according to the report. Approximately 82 percent of middle class families applied for financial aid, while 86 percent of low-income families were awarded funding, according to the report.

Despite the decline in out-of-

pocket expenses, UT students are still paying 12 percent more on average for their undergraduate degree compared to the national average of \$21,889 per year. UT students are likely to receive 48 percent of their individual funding in the form of grants and scholarships compared to a national average of 33 percent, which has increased from 10 per-

cent a year ago.

Patricia Christel, a spokeswoman for Sallie Mae, said the findings of the study indicate increasingly cost-conscious families looking to save money by applying for any and all grants and scholarships available.

"The [national] decline results

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### UT AID: 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$177.2 million grants and scholarships  
\$127.8 million borrowed by students  
\$59 million borrowed by parents  
\$3.3 million granted as work-study  
**\$367.3 million in total**



Dory Glauberman | Daily Texan Staff

Junior quarterback Garrett Gilbert answers questions from the media Monday after it was announced that he would be Texas' starting quarterback for the Sept. 3 opener against Rice. In 12 games last year, Gilbert threw 10 touchdowns and 17 interceptions.

## Gilbert wins starting job

**INSIDE:** Texas reveals its Week 1 depth chart **on page 10**

## Appeal may delay funding for sexual assault victim resources

By Nicole Sanseverino  
Daily Texan Staff

Around 26,000 Texans are sexually assaulted each year, but because of a lack of service funding and accessibility, only about half seek help, according to a new UT study.

The state spent about \$42.8 million on sexual assault law enforcement and adult sexual assault recovery programs in 2010. That's an average cost of around \$3,000 per victim, said Bruce Kellison, an associate director of the research arm of UT's IC2 Institute. He said more funding is needed to streamline access and services for sexual assault victims.

"The short story here is the state of Texas has identified [sexual assault recovery organizations] as grossly underfunded and has tried to find new revenue streams," Kellison said, who was involved in the study conducted by the University's Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Texas has 254 counties and only 83 rape crisis centers, forcing some victims to travel across multiple counties to seek emotional and psychological assistance, said Noel Busch-Armendariz, associate professor in the School of Social Work and lead investigator of the study. Victims also told Busch-Armendariz they left emer-

gency rooms after discovering that the wait time for a forensic exam, which evaluates the physical condition of the person assaulted, was several hours.

"These programs are woefully underfunded," Busch-Armendariz said. "We just need to give them a lot more support with regard to the work they are doing so we can give them the funding they need to meet all victims' needs."

To generate more revenue for these programs, the Texas Legis-

lature passed the Sexually Oriented Business Fee Act in 2007. The Act requires all businesses in Texas that serve alcohol and allow nude dancing to pay a \$5 fee for every person served. The fee, a portion of which will fund sexual assault prevention programs, was projected to raise \$44 million over the

first two years, according to The Associated Press. But the state comptroller has yet to release the funding because business owners sued, claiming the fee was unconstitutional.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled the fee constitutional Friday, bringing an unexpected victory for those in favor of the act, said Rick Gippich, spokesman for Texas Association Against Sexual Assault.

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## Dean to weave innovation into sciences

By Victoria Pagan  
Daily Texan Staff

A new program will train College of Natural Sciences students to market their ideas and start their own companies in the future, said W. Arthur Porter, a new dean of the college who will develop the initiative.

Porter will be instated as the natural sciences associate dean for innovation and science enterprise on Sept. 1. He was hired by interim dean David Laude in efforts to begin integrating entrepreneurship into the college, Porter said.

"Over the next few years I will try to lead the creation of a sequence of courses, organization and collaborations that help students be competitive in the knowl-

edge-based world," Porter said.

Porter said he is working with students and staff from the Freshman Research Initiative, a program that allows freshman students to directly engage in mentored research. The new program will copy a similar model to train students who will be free to experiment with their talents and ideas under the guidance of professors.

"I want to develop a program that has the same kind of infrastructure," Porter said. "We're going to try to get our students connected to the breakthroughs and developments of our faculty as well as to get faculty involved in helping students develop their own inventions and ideas."

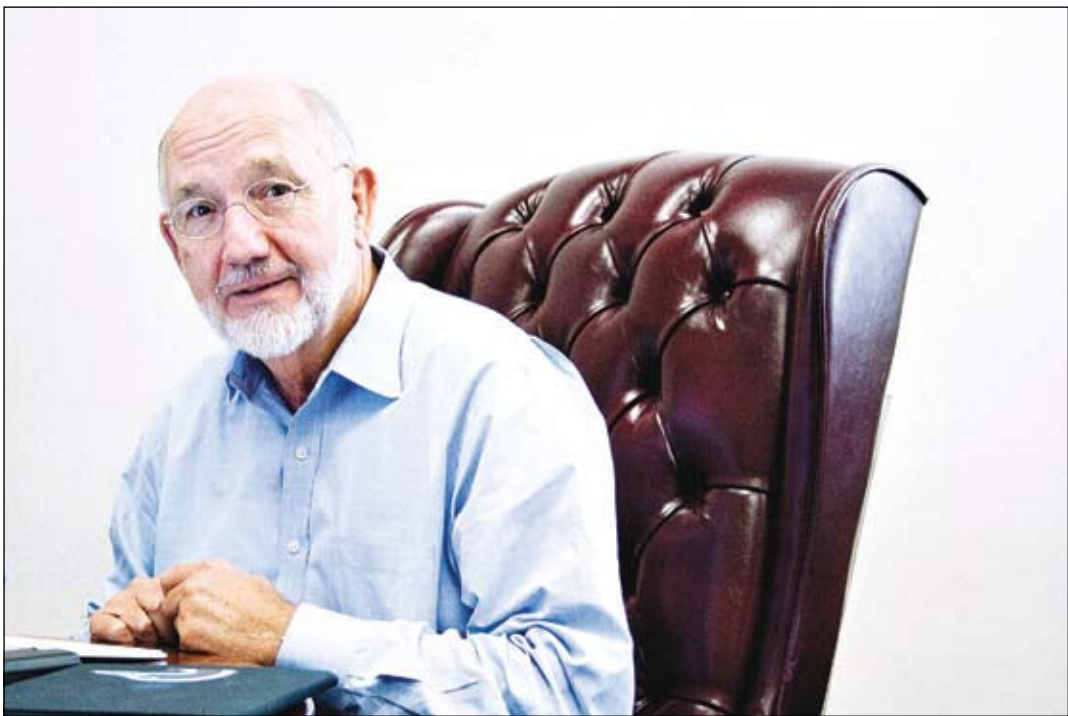
Porter will hold a lecture for the Freshman Research Initiative stu-

dents on Oct. 2 and 9 as his first step towards building the new program. The lecture will help students be prepared to start companies and build their own careers in the non-traditional way, in a world where knowledge-based business is beginning to trump all, Porter said.

Courses in entrepreneurship for natural sciences students will be available in the spring, he said.

Sarah Simmons, an administrator for the Freshman Research Initiative, said the efforts of Porter and Laude to bring entrepreneurship to the college are essential to helping students understand they have a multitude of options available to them after graduation.

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Victoria Montalvo | Daily Texan Staff

W. Arthur "Skip" Porter, new Associate Dean of College of Natural Sciences will be hosting a lecture in October and plans to create courses as part of his program to promote entrepreneurship starting next spring.



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# MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL



Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

Erin Dooner and her son Elliot, 2, walk past an antique shop on South Congress on Monday afternoon.

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called the Course Transformation Program. One facet of the program is to develop hybrid courses that mix traditional in-person classes with online classes.

Ritter said the value of on-line courses, in comparison to traditional classes, depends on subject matter, design of the course, the teacher, the school offering the course and logistics of the student's life.

"[The research] also shows that hybrid course delivery, some learning exercises done online, some in the classroom, can be more effective than either traditional lecture formats or wholly online courses," Ritter said. "I believe we will see more hybrid and online courses, the latter mostly in the summer, offered at UT in the years to come."

Richard Mattingly, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the College of Education, said while the online courses UT offers are equal to traditional courses in terms of a learning

experience, it is hard to compare with other schools.

"I think it is difficult to know the quality of online courses at different institutions," Mattingly said.

Although UT does not offer degrees that are completely attainable through online courses, students can take on-line courses through the University Extension program to obtain credits toward their majors. Though these courses are self-paced, they are often on the same semester timeline as regular courses.

The cost of a typical online course for all students is around \$500 to \$700 and does not include the cost of textbooks. The courses are directed by UT professors who send the students the coursework. There is usually an exam at the end of the semester, which serves as the final for the course.

European studies junior Laura Peppe took her government class online this past summer, and said there are good and bad sides to it.

"The pros are that you can work on your pace and you can get your coursework done if you have internet access," Peppe said. "But the cons are that it's expensive and you don't have classmates to help you with difficult material."

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from a number of factors, including a shift to lower-cost schools, an increase in the numbers of low-income students attending college, and reduced out-of-pocket spending among high and middle-income families," Christel said. "One major factor in the increase in the proportion of college costs met from scholarships and grants is that for the first time since the study began [in 2008], more families filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which jumped from 72 percent in the 2010 report to 80 percent in the 2011 report."

Tom Melecki, director of Student Financial Services, said the findings of the report were consistent with an increase in UT students participating in savings seminars conducted by the Office of Student Financial Services.

"We've seen a large increase in

the number of students filing FAFSAs, we're even seeing students who might not have thought they needed to apply for need-based financial aid during their first year here," Melecki said. "We provide a little more grant funding for the students of families whose parents are least able to pay."

In the 2010-2011 academic year, more than \$367.3 million was awarded to UT students according to figures provided by the Office. A boost in the amount of federal funding for Pell Grants is predicted to increase the amount available in 2011-2012 academic year to \$48.6 million, up substantially from \$42.1 million in the previous year despite a similar number of applicants.

Mary Fallon, a spokeswoman for Student Financial Aid Services Inc., a student aid advisory firm, said the biggest increase in appli-

cations came from middle-income families for the 2011-2012 academic year.

"Competition for financial aid is always fierce because prices are going up and the number of students who need aid is getting higher as the recession puts the pinch on everybody," she said.

Ajit Kumar, a senior chemical engineering major, said the cost of his undergraduate degree at UT exceeded his initial budget due to increasing tuition and cost of living factors.

"Students in the past have paid much less for tuition and received more benefits than what's currently available," he said. "Since moving out of the dormitories I've had to be careful about costs, housing prices and lifestyle necessities have all become much more pricey. Austin certainly isn't getting cheaper to live."

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"This is a very big win for us," Gipprich said. "We will now have in place a sustainable funding source that will go directly to saving sexual assault survivors."

It is likely that business owners will appeal the Court's decision to the U.S. Supreme Court in the near future, which means

the funding might not be released for another few years, Gipprich said.

"The projected path for the future of sexual assault programs is going to see the biggest hits in funding in the near future," he said. "It comes at a perfect time if federal money is decimated."

Gipprich said the money will

help organizations market ways to prevent sexual assault and reach out to those seeking help, ultimately filling the gap.

"It's not about us wanting money, money, money," Gipprich said. "We work directly for, and with, hundreds of survivors and victims. It's really about getting them the help they deserve."

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"Our students, by being in a research institution, are naturally sort of oriented and trained to think about pursuing grad school and research in an academic setting after college," Simmons said. "What we do and what they are trying to do is to

get students learning to be innovators and problem solvers in a field where everyone needs to be thinking outside the box."

John Butler, director of the Herb Kelleher Center for Entrepreneurship Management at the McCombs School of Business, said the center is frequently visited by students from all majors in the University.

"Innovation and entrepreneurship is in all disciplines despite what people may think," Butler said. "For example as a government major you might want to be a great governor one day and you'll want to learn how to commercialize yourself to get people

to vote for you."

Butler said the business school also teaches innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship courses supported through the Bridging Disciplines Program that began last fall and that are sponsored by central administration at the University. He said the courses have been extremely successful.

Public health junior Shradha Thakur said entrepreneurship courses could have been extremely helpful early in her college career. She said with job and internship interviews around the corner, she feels she lacks the skills to market herself for potential employers.

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### A vision for the UT System

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa unveiled his highly anticipated nine-plank Framework for Advancing Excellence throughout The University of Texas System on Thursday at the Board of Regents meeting. The plan built on his speech to the regents in May that outlined his vision for the System.

No matter how many planks were added, the speech was less about concrete policy and more about creating a consensus among the System's various interests. He spoke about productivity and outcomes but emphasized institutional discretion. He spoke about teaching and research, small universities and large medical schools and undergraduates and Ph.D.s. He spoke with a broadness that only a man who oversees 15 very different entities can.

If nothing else, the ceremony put the onus of higher education reform on institutions. Plenty of questions still remain if the outcomes we are busy chasing are the outcomes that we want to be defined by in the years to come.

Cigarroa's plan won him unanimous approval from the regents and earned praise from various factions of the higher education debate. But with a wide-pleasing message comes a wide range of interpretations, and the chancellor will be evaluated based on how institutions such as UT will react to the plan. After all, planks can be used to keep a boat afloat or to push someone off the edge.

### Expand transit services

Beginning next Tuesday, Austinites looking to park downtown will have to pay on nights and weekends. After months of debate, City Council voted to extend parking meter hours, which currently run from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The plan, originally approved in March, would have extended the hours to 8 a.m. through midnight on Mondays through Saturdays. But, after further consideration earlier this month, City Council changed the schedule: Parking will be metered from 8 a.m. through 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. through midnight Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. through midnight Saturday.

The result is a costly inconvenience to UT students and others who choose to venture downtown on the weekends, and businesses downtown will likely suffer from the extended hours. To minimize inconvenience, the city should expand transit services with the revenue gained from the increased meter hours. This will allow the city to benefit from the extended hours without seriously limiting residents' ability to access the downtown area.

### Perry's skepticism of science

Weeks after officially entering the presidential race, Gov. Rick Perry has wasted little time in closing ranks with most of his Republican colleagues by expressing his personal skepticism of certain established scientific facts.

Perry has called evolution a theory that has "some holes in it." His stated position squares well with the views of likely Republican voters but flouts two centuries of scientific thought. In its place, he offers an ostensibly humble but ultimately defeatist view that perhaps humans cannot know everything. His apparent opinion is that we should therefore not even try.

His position on climate change is more damaging. Far from questioning the general idea on theoretical — or theological — grounds, he has accused what amounts to almost the entire climate science community of fabricating data to scare the public into funding frivolous research to keep their jobs. The alleged conspiracy is so vast as to discredit it outright.

Perry's high-octane brand of "my-knowledge-is-as-good-as-your-ignorance" anti-intellectualism should alarm anyone who values the objective pursuit of knowledge. And his recent attacks on the institutional independence of UT and Texas A&M complete the picture of a candidate perfectly willing to subject scholarship to politics. That should profoundly frighten any member of a university community.

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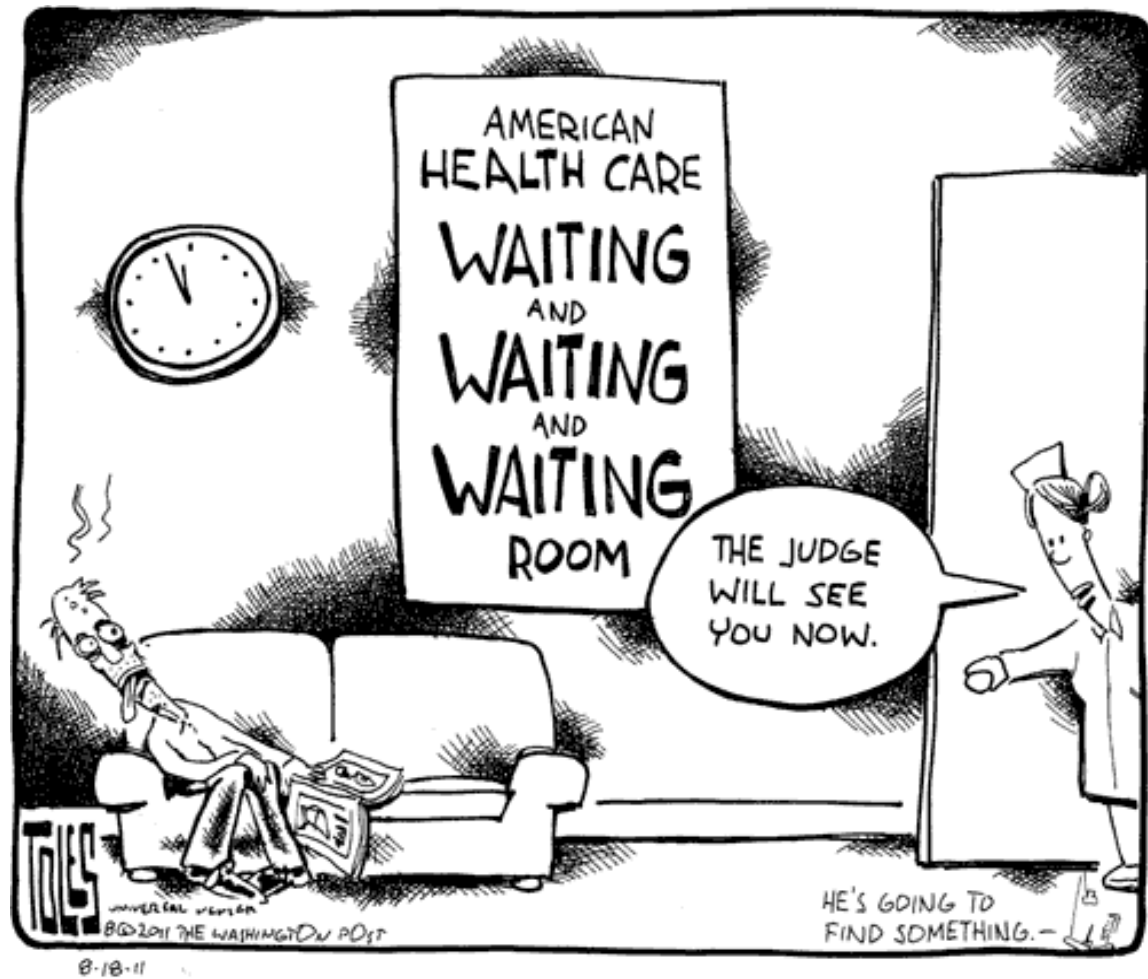
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## Getting students more involved

By Natalie Butler  
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Whether you spent your summer taking classes, traveling the world, working at a new job or braving the Austin heat, it is time once again to buy our books and learn our syllabi for new classes. On behalf of the Student Government, it is my pleasure to welcome new incoming students to the University of Texas at Austin and to welcome returning students back to the 40 Acres for what should prove to be an exciting year.

While you were away, Student Government was working hard on many of the goals that Ashley Baker, our team and I shared with the campus last spring. I'm happy to say we've made progress.

One of our biggest goals has been to get students more involved in budget decision-making on campus. We have made some great strides in this area. Working with the Senate of College Councils and the Graduate Student Assembly, we've been advocating since April to get student representation on the University Budget Council. For the first time, starting Sept. 1, a student will be a member of this important group on campus. This is a great step forward for all students and will ensure that students have a say in decisions for years to come.

On top of that, we have helped to

improve the safety education programs for student organizations; we are consolidating information about room reservations and funding for student events; we are finding ways to keep our campus safe and accessible; and we are planning a new campus tradition: The Longhorn Run 2012.

This list is only a small sample of how we have spent our summer. But we have a lot more to do. Not only do we have many more goals to accomplish, we are opening Student Government back up to you, the student body. This is going to be a year unlike any other. Student Government has a new structure that will allow us to do even more for campus. We've launched a new and improved website, <http://www.utsg.org>, and I hope it will help our organizations find the help they need. Student Government should not be sitting back waiting for students to come to us, so this year we plan on coming to you. We want to engage students like never before. As we start the 2011-12 academic year, know that Student Government is a service and a resource for you and every student here at UT. It is our job to serve you, so our doors are always open to any student who wants to ask a question or voice a concern.

As the year goes on, here are a few things we will be tackling: improving parking options for students, planning Safety Week 2011, increasing the power of the student voice across

campus, hosting a leadership summit for students to give input and shape our goals, keeping college affordable and ensuring the quality of our education and student services, identifying ways campus can better serve underrepresented students, improving our academic experience while protecting UT's legacy and many more.

If you want to learn more about our plans for the year, come to the Gregory Plaza tonight at 5:30 p.m. for our Agency Fair and Kickoff meeting. There will be free food, fun and an address from Rep. Dan Branch, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee. We'll head into the Student Activity Center at 7 p.m. for our first meeting of the semester.

This year is going to be one of the best and most exciting UT has seen in a long time. We're continuing to pursue our goal of being the top public University in the nation. We've launched a unique television network dedicated to everything it means to be a Longhorn. We're getting students more involved in campus affairs and increasing the power of the student voice. We're making plans that will impact the legacy of the University for years to come. We're using Student Government as the hub and the official voice for all students here at UT. And we want you to be a part of it.

*Butler is student body president.*

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# Polygamist leader hospitalized after refusing to eat in prison

By Michael Graczyk  
Daily Texan Staff

HOUSTON — Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs was hospitalized Monday in a medically induced coma in critical condition after fasting in the weeks since receiving a life sentence for sexually assaulting underage followers he took as spiritual brides, officials said.

The 55-year-old head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was expected to survive, an official familiar with Jeffs' medical condition told The Associated Press. It was not clear how long Jeffs — who has a history of refusing to eat while incarcerated — would remain in the coma or how long he would be hospitalized, the official said.

The official requested anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the information publicly.

Doctors were not specific about why Jeffs was put into the coma.

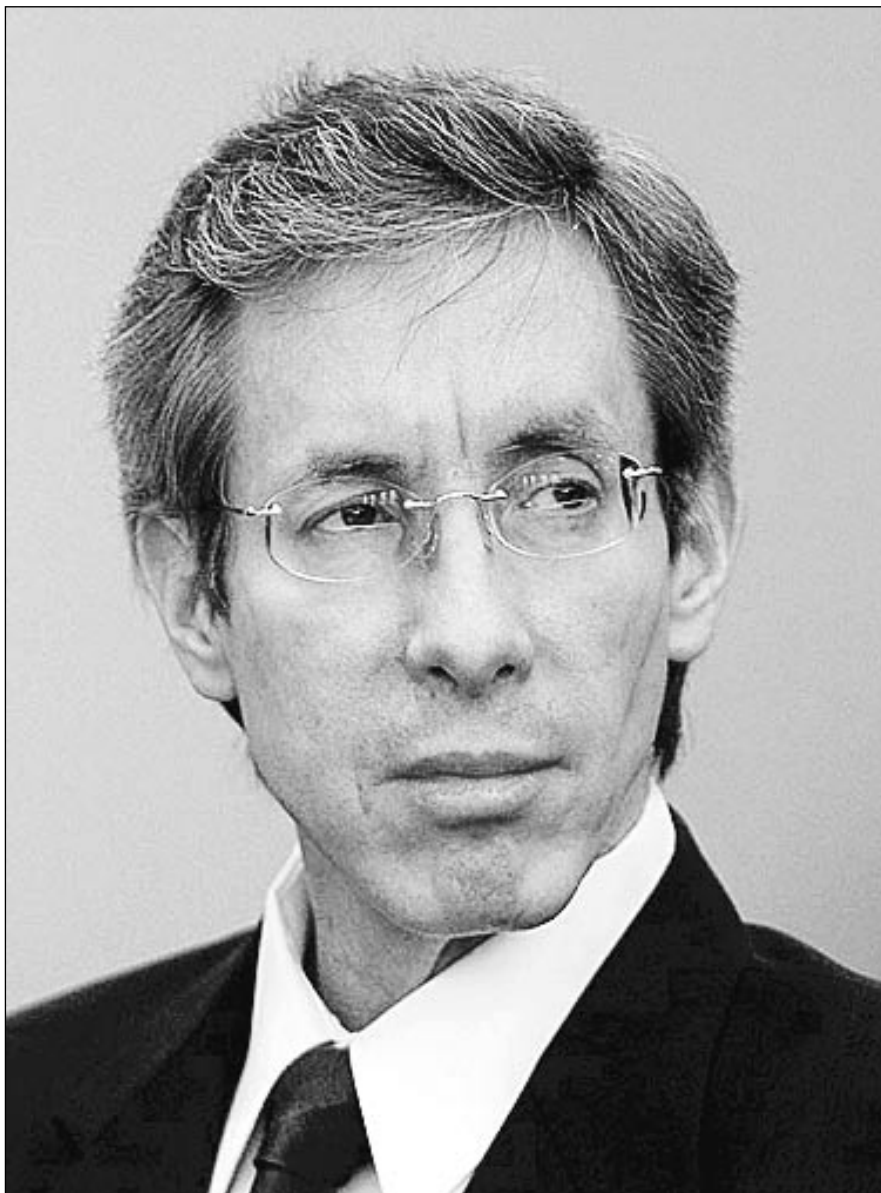
Jeffs' attorney Emily Detoto said her client "hasn't been feeling well" and was taken to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler on Sunday night. She declined to elaborate.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said Jeffs was in critical condition, but Lyons would not give specific details about his status. Lyons said Jeffs told corrections officers he's fasted in the time since his conviction earlier this month, though it was not immediately clear how long he'd gone without food before being hospitalized.

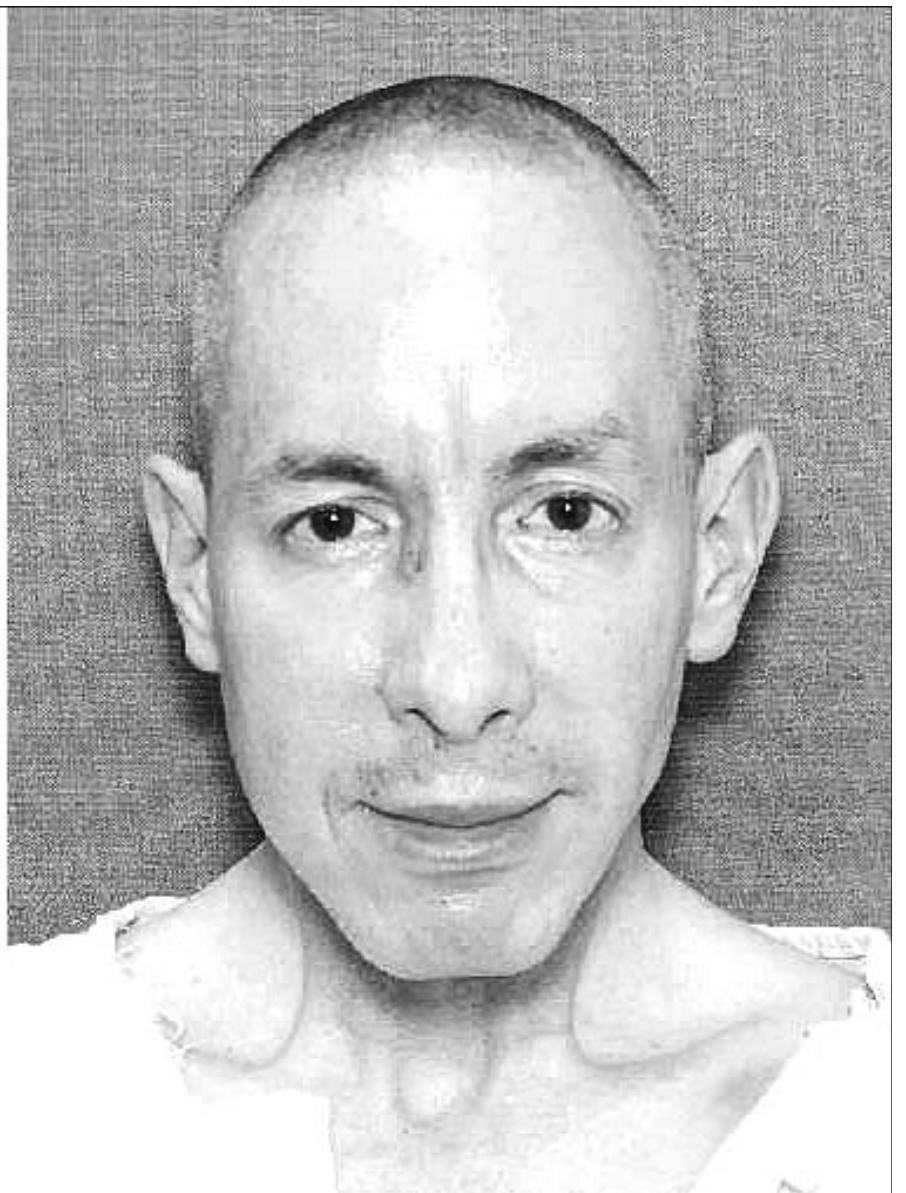
During Jeffs' trial, prosecutors used DNA evidence to show he fathered a child with a 15-year-old and played an audio recording of what they said was him sexually assaulting a 12-year-old. Both were among 24 underage wives whom prosecutors said Jeffs collected.

Court documents show Jeffs tried to hang himself in January 2007 while awaiting trial on rape charges in Washington County, Utah. He also threw himself against the walls of his cell and banged his head, although he later told a mental health expert he really wasn't trying to kill himself.

During a visit with a brother that



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Convicted polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, shown in November 2010 on the left and July 2011 on the right, is in a medically-induced coma. After being convicted to a life sentence for underage sexual assault, Jeffs refused to eat.

same month that was videotaped by jail officials, Jeffs said he'd been fasting for three days and remained awake during the night. Days later, he was taken to a hospital and given medication for depression. The court documents said he'd lost 30 pounds, was dehydrated and suffering from sleep deprivation.

Jeffs also had to be temporarily force-fed in 2009 while in the Kingman, Ariz., jail.

In Texas, Jeffs has been in protective custody, which is among the most restrictive forms of imprisonment in the state. He was to be alone in his cell daily, not be involved in any work programs and to be out of his cell only to shower and for recreation by himself.

Jeffs is among only 85 inmates in the 156,000-prisoner Texas corrections system to be assigned protective custody.

The life sentence was the harshest possible for Jeffs' convictions, and he

isn't eligible for parole until he is at least 100 years old. He had been in a Huntsville prison immediately after his trial, then was moved last week to the Powlledge Unit outside Palestine, Texas.

Former church members have said Jeffs likely would continue to lead his Utah-based church from inside prison and that his followers likely still revere him as a prophet despite the considerable evidence presented at his trial showing he sexually assaulted girls

as young as 12.

The basic principles of Jeffs' fundamentalist sect are rooted in polygamy, a legacy of early Mormon church teachings that held plural marriage brought exaltation in heaven. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the mainstream Mormon church, abandoned the practice in 1890 as a condition of Utah's statehood and excommunicates members who engage in the practice.

## Bush scheduled to keynote terrorism summit

NEW YORK — Former U.S. President George W. Bush will keynote a summit next month on fighting global extremism, organizers announced Monday.

The nonprofit Concordia Summit Group said Bush will be joined by other former world leaders, security experts and heads of global corporations at the Sept. 20 meeting which aims "to strengthen the relationship between the public and private sectors to more ef-

fectively combat extremism on a global scale."

Bush, who was president on 9/11, declined an invitation from President Barack Obama to attend a somber remembrance on May 5 at the World Trade Center site to mark the killing by U.S. forces of Osama bin Laden.

The former president will be near the site when he attends the Sept. 20 summit at the Ritz-Carlton Battery Park Ho-

tel, which overlooks the Statue of Liberty.

The summit is taking place on the eve of the annual ministerial meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, which Obama is scheduled to address on Sept. 21.

Concordia said other participants at the summit will include former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and 9/11 commission chair Thomas Kean. It also will include former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte and former U.S. undersecretary of state Paula Dobriansky, who both served under Bush.

The Concordia Summit Group was founded in February by Matthew Swift and Nicholas Logothetis, who both had long careers with Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation.

Its advisory board includes Bush's former homeland security adviser, Frances Townsend, former Latvian president Vaira Vike-Freiberga and former Polish president Aleksander Kwasniewski.

—The Associated Press

## Rising obesity rate triggers UN discussion

By Rachel Thompson  
Daily Texan Staff

The Lancet, a British medical journal, released a report last week describing the epidemic of rising rates of obesity in America and across the world.

According to the study, 50 percent of American adults will be considered obese by the year 2030 if the government does not make this issue a priority.

The report partially accredits individual lifestyle choices, such as diets that are high in fats, sodium and sugars, as well as lack of daily exercise to factors leading to obesity.

However, many researchers involved in the Lancet report argued the problem goes beyond individual responsibility and must be assisted by the government in order to reverse the epidemic. They believe this is particularly important in preventing obesity in young children.

"I think we can limit the outdoor advertising close to schools where kids tend to congregate and lower the exposure of the ads on television that target kids," said Keryn Pasch, an assistant profes-

sor of Kinesiology and Health Education at UT.

According to the report, children are highly susceptible to obesity due to increased marketing of fast food because advertisements lack suitable information on the realistic consequences of what they are eating.

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"Adults are setting bad models for children because we're moving our bodies less, so the children are doing the same thing," said Huiping Zhu, a research assistant professor in the department of Nutritional Sciences. "That just imposes the whole society with more health problems. We'll be living less optimal lives."

Zhu said taking personal responsibility to regulate one's life choices is a step towards reducing the chance of becoming obese.

The report also called attention to the American food industry and how its structure and pricing has contributed to the increase of obesity. Foods higher in fat and calories are often more easily accessible, cheaper and better advertised than more expensive foods with higher nutritional qualities.

"Obviously, we have a lot more fast food options than healthy options," said radio-television-film freshman Brooke Brown. "It's convenient and cheaper to eat those things than the healthy options. I'd rather spend \$3 on a burger at Wendy's than \$5 on a salad and be hungry later. It's all about convenience and pricing for students."

According to the report, obesity is linked to cardiovascular diseases, Type 2 diabetes and several types of cancer. In addition, it reports that 2 to 6 percent of world health care costs are obesity-related. In an upcoming United Nations General Assembly meeting on noncommunicable diseases the rising rates of obesity are set to be addressed. The meeting will take place in September 2011 and is the first high-level meeting of its kind.

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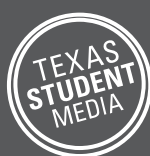
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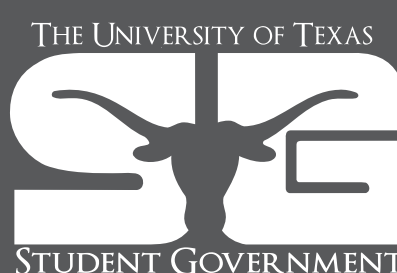
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# Embattled quarterback gets second chance

After hard-fought battle, Texas announces junior Garrett Gilbert will start

By Austin Laymance  
Daily Texan Staff

The wait is over. Garrett Gilbert will open the season as the Longhorns' starting quarterback.

After months of speculation, an ever-changing depth chart and a four-man competition for the starting job, Gilbert will take the first snap of the 2011 season Saturday against Rice.

Ultimately, the decision came down to co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin, who is in his first year at Texas.

"He had the best camp of the quarterbacks," Harsin said. "Garrett had a very good handle of what we're trying to get done offensively. He understood the plays, the reads, the checks and audibles that we can make out of certain plays to get us into a better play."

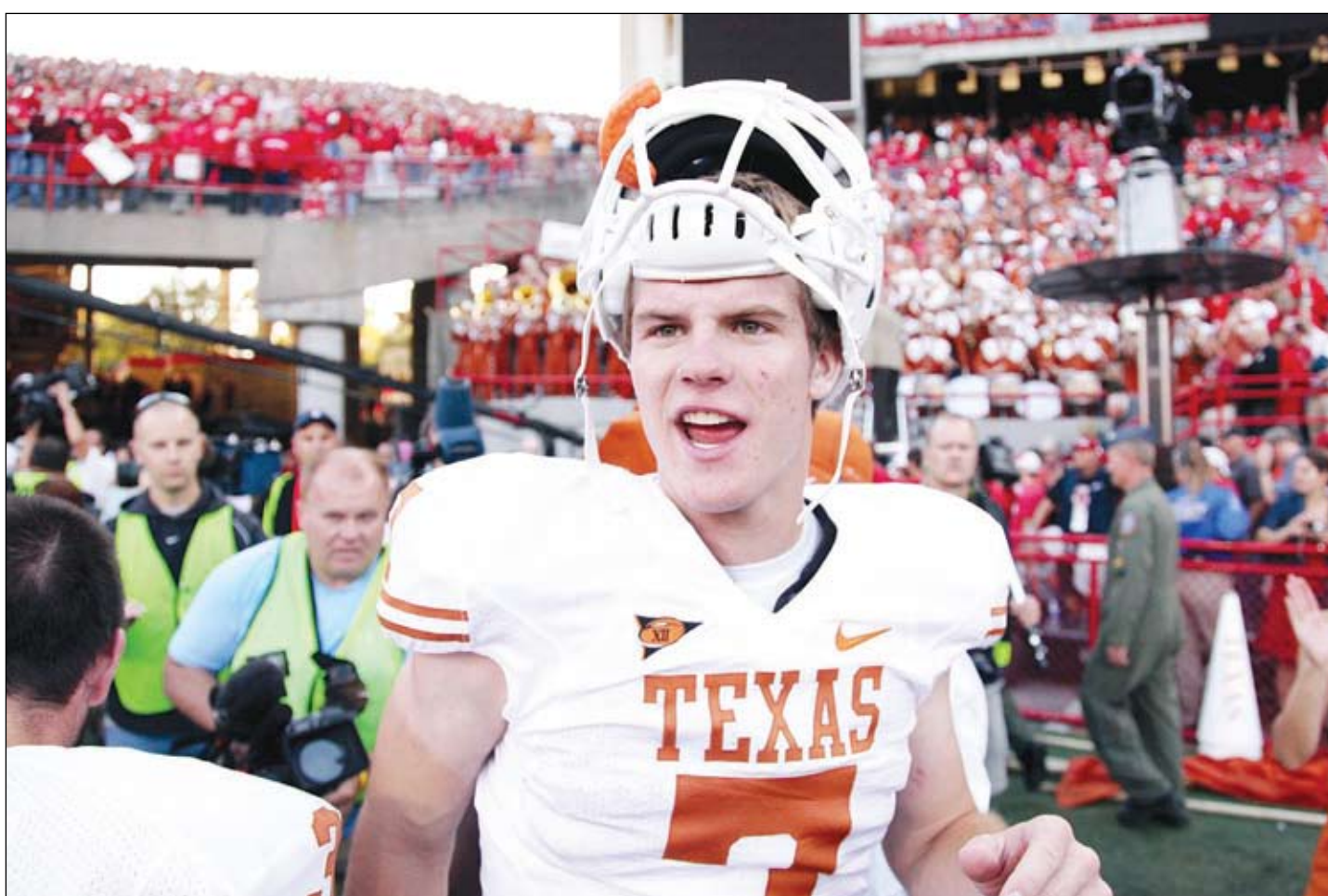
Both Harsin and head coach Mack Brown pointed to Gilbert's advantage in game experience as a deciding factor. The junior is the elder statesman among the quarterbacks and his 12 career starts went a long way towards beating out sophomore Case McCoy, freshman David Ash and redshirt freshman Connor Wood for the starting spot.

"Garrett, probably because he's got more experience, came out ahead as of today in that battle," Brown said.

Brown, however, was adamant on Monday that the depth chart remains fluid. Though Gilbert will start against the Owls, performance will dictate who gets the starting nod from week to week.

The position battle began in the

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Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan file photo

Junior quarterback Garrett Gilbert, shown here celebrating Texas' 20-13 over Nebraska in Lincoln last season, was announced as Texas' starting quarterback. Gilbert emerged out of a group of three other candidates.

With QB mystery solved, another question emerges: How short is Gilbert's leash?



By Trey Scott  
Daily Texan Columnist

Texas finally announced Garrett Gilbert as its starting quarterback. Big surprise. Now for the better question —

one that won't take 5-7 months to answer:

How short is his leash? "If he moves the ball and scores, he'll keep the starting job," said Texas head coach Mack Brown.

If that same logic was applied last season, Gilbert wouldn't have lasted through the halfway point of the schedule.

So this year, should Gilbert's harness have some slack, or should he be wearing a choker around his neck?

Brown refused to acknowledge the concept of a leash, and for good reason. Gilbert has enough on his plate to worry about than going into Saturday's game at Rice knowing he needs to complete a minimum of 65 percent of his passes, or throw a maximum of two interceptions, if he wants to keep his job.

"I'm not concerned about making mistakes," he said.

And that's good, because he doesn't need to be. The more he pressed last season, the worse the

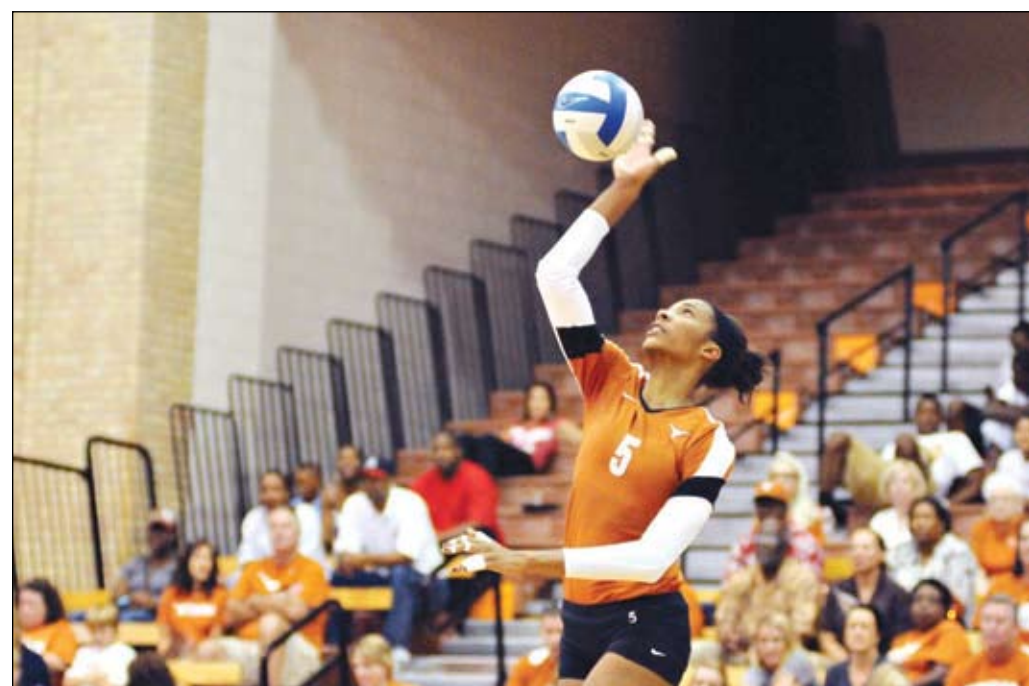
results were.

But want to know what junior safety Kenny Vaccaro is concerned about?

"I trust all those guys, but my only concern is that the quarterbacks [have to] play like we need them to," he said. "You can spit it out however you want but regardless of how the offensive line or defense plays, you have to have great quarterback play to be a great team."

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## VOLLEYBALL TEXAS 3, ISRAEL 0



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Senior Rachael Adams serves in a 3-0 win over Israel. Adams and Haley Eckerman combined for 26 kills on the night.

## Adams helps Longhorns exact revenge

Days after falling to Israel, UT rebounds with 3-0 win in front of home crowd

By Chris Hummer  
Daily Texan Staff

After falling to Israel in a very tight five set affair just two days prior, the Longhorns stepped on to the court Monday looking to turn around quickly from the loss, facing the very same team that edged them days before.

And that's exactly what they did, winning in straight sets 25-23, 25-19, 25-23 against Israel.

"I think we all just knew that we had to go out there and get it done," said freshman Haley Eckerman. "Our upperclassmen did a great job of helping everyone out. It wasn't just one person, it was the whole team. We worked together and that's what we have been doing in practice."

Texas used its size and physicality at the net efficiently, to-

taling 12 blocks as a team, far outpacing Israel's total of five.

It wasn't just the block total that was impressive — the timing of the blocks was the key. In the first set, back and forth the whole way, Texas was serving for the set, and it was a block by freshman Haley Eckerman and Khat Bell that sealed it.

"Ultimately, I think our blocking is getting better, therefore our defense is get-

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## FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

## Whittaker gets first look at running back

By Christian Corona  
Daily Texan Staff

Senior running back Fozzy Whittaker found himself atop the depth chart Monday morning, but Malcolm Brown and Joe Bergeron expect to get plenty of carries this season, despite being true freshmen. Fortunately for

Brown and Bergeron, Whittaker and senior fullback Cody Johnson worked with their younger counterparts to prepare them for the rigors of college football.

"The thing I like about them the most is that they're ready and willing to learn," Whittaker said. "Me and Cody have been serving

as big brothers for them, showing them exactly what to look for on film and how the plays are supposed to be run."

**Will David Ash redshirt?**

With Garrett Gilbert named

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## MOST IMPORTANT LONGHORNS NO. 4

# Homegrown Okafor has perfect blend of quickness, strength

*Editor's Note: The Daily Texan's series of the top 10 most important Longhorn football players continues with No. 4 Alex Okafor.*

By Christian Corona  
Daily Texan Staff

Alex Okafor and Keanu Reeves might have more in common than you might think.

Even though the Big 12 lost two schools last season and may lose another soon, it's still loaded with some of the best quarterbacks in the nation. That's why having someone like Alex Okafor on your team is such a great luxury. And if first-year defensive coordinator Manny Diaz has his way, Okafor could be poised for a monster junior season.

"I call it the Matrix Moment," Diaz said as he made the connection between the defensive end and award-winning actor. "When does the competitive greatness come? Like when Keanu Reeves in the Matrix starts seeing all those little green circles and numbers and stuff and [Okafor] says, 'You know what? I can play.

I'm at a different level out here."

The junior defensive end had made 30 tackles last season, notching 2.5 sacks and a staggering 13 quarterback hurries. Oklahoma's Landry Jones, Oklahoma State's Brandon Weeden and Baylor's Robert Griffin are three of the most formidable signal-callers college football has to offer. But if Okafor, arguably the Longhorns' most fearsome returning pass rusher, can turn those quarterback hurries into sacks this year, it would go a long way toward helping the Longhorns have the successful season that eluded them in 2010.

"There's no star players when you go 5-7," Okafor said. "We're dying right now to prove ourselves. We know what we plan on doing. We plan on winning games this year. We come to shock the nation."

Okafor is among a handful of Longhorns who will be switching positions this year. Last year's center, David Snow, will play at offensive guard. Demarco Cobbs

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Alex Okafor (No. 80) chases down Baylor's quarterback Robert Griffin III in Texas' 30-22 loss in Austin.

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# 12

Freshmen and sophomores occupying starting spots on the Longhorns' depth chart

# 507

Career pass attempts by Garrett Gilbert, 506 more than any other Longhorn quarterback

# 5

Career starts made by Texas wide receivers, all by sophomore Mike Davis

# 8

Number of Longhorns who have made more than 10 starts in their career

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

**Aggies notify Big 12 conference they intend to leave league**

The New York Times is reporting Texas A&M has notified the Big 12 it will withdraw from the conference.

The newspaper reported on its website Monday night that Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin sent a letter to Missouri Chancellor and Big 12 board chairman Brady Deaton to inform the league it was leaving.

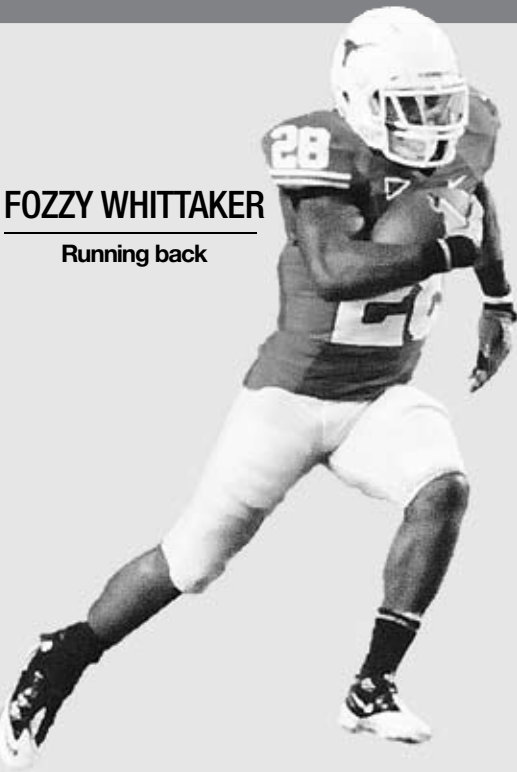
The New York Times story cited two unidentified college officials with direct knowledge of the decision.

Texas A&M said earlier Monday it had received a letter from Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe outlining the withdrawal procedure should the Aggies decide to leave the league.

Texas A&M's departure would cast doubt on the future of the Big 12 and could lead to more major changes to college athletics.

— The Associated Press





**FOZZY WHITTAKER**  
Running back

TEXAS TWO-DEEP

OFFENSE

| first string        | second string     |                      |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| QB: Garrett Gilbert | Case McCoy        |                      |
| RB: Fozzy Whittaker | Joe Bergeron      | -or- Malcolm Brown   |
| FB: Cody Johnson    | Jamison Berryhill |                      |
| H-Back: Blaine Irby | Darius Terrell    |                      |
| TE: Dominique Jones | D.J. Grant        |                      |
| WR: Mike Davis      | DeSean Hales      | -or- Bryant Jackson  |
| WR: Jaxon Shipley   | Miles Onyegbule   |                      |
| WR: John Harris     | Darius White      | -or-                 |
| LT: Tray Allen      | Josh Cochran      |                      |
| LG: David Snow      | Luke Poehlmann    |                      |
| C: Dominic Espinosa | Garrett Porter    |                      |
| RG: Mason Walters   | Thomas Ashcraft   | -or- Sedrick Flowers |
| RT: Trey Hopkins    | Paden Kelley      |                      |
| K: Justin Tucker    | Ben Pruitt        |                      |

DEFENSE

| first string           | second string     |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| DE: Jackson Jeffcoat   | Dravannti Johnson | -or- Cedric Reed   |
| NT: Kheeston Randall   | Desmond Jackson   |                    |
| DT: Calvin Howell      | Ashton Dorsey     | -or- Chris Whaley  |
| DE: Alex Okafor        | Reggie Wilson     |                    |
| SLB: Jordan Hicks      | Demarco Cobbs     |                    |
| MLB: Keenan Robinson   | Steve Edmond      |                    |
| WLB: Emmanuel Acho     | Aaron Benson      |                    |
| RCB: Adrian Phillips   | Quandre Diggs     | -or-               |
| FS: Kenny Vaccaro      | Mykkele Thompson  | -or- Sheroid Evans |
| SS: Blake Gideon       | Nolan Brewster    |                    |
| LCB: Carrington Byndom | Adrian Phillips   | -or-               |
| P: Justin Tucker       | William Russ      | -or- David Ash     |
| PR: Jaxon Shipley      | Quandre Diggs     |                    |
| KR: D.J. Monroe/Diggs  | Brown/Shipley     |                    |

Stock rises for some Horns, drops for others

Jackson, Harris, Bergeron rank higher than expected while Hales and Wood take a tumble

By Nick Cremona  
Daily Texan Staff

Up:  
Desmond Jackson

The freshman is listed as the second option at nose tackle after senior Kheeston Randall. Texas' defensive line went through its share of struggles last year, and Jackson has proven in the offseason that he can turn things around for the line. What Jackson lacks in height (he's 6-foot-1) he more than makes up in energy on the field. If teams run on the Longhorns like they did last season, Jackson could be in line for some serious playing time.

John Harris

Harris is another young player who really impressed over the summer. In three receiver sets he will get the nod behind Jaxon Shipley and Mike Davis. He

redshirted last year, so he brings a little more experience to the table. He possesses good size at 6-foot-3 and should be a valuable tool for newly appointed quarterback Garrett Gilbert.

Joe Bergeron

Big Joe is officially listed as the backup to Fozzy Whittaker at tailback, however there is an "or" differentiating Bergeron from fellow freshman Malcolm Brown and junior D.J. Monroe. Bergeron came in under the shadow of Brown, but he has really made strides and should see considerable action in the backfield. A powerful back, Bergeron also has surprising speed.

Dominique Jones/D.J. Grant

This combo has the not-so-easy task of revitalizing the tight end spot on a team that definitely felt its absence a season ago. Jones saw limited action last year after converting from defensive end, however he did notch a touchdown as a tight end. Grant also converted to tight end after being plagued by injuries in his first two seasons as a wide receiver. Both

players are 6-foot-3 and have soft hands. After a dismal year for the tight end position in 2010, it is quickly becoming one of the better units on the team.

Down:

DeSean Hales

The junior has appeared in more than 20 games, but has yet to eclipse the 100-yard mark for his career. Hales is a quick, smart player but has yet to display anything of note in game situations. He is still listed as Mike Davis' backup, but for those who knew of Hales two years ago it is surely not where he was projected to be at this stage in his career.

Connor Wood

After a four-way battle in the offseason for the starting quarterback spot, Wood finds himself in the "or" column at third string. Wood could be on the move as rumors have begun to swirl regarding a possible transfer. He's got the talent to start at any other school, but circumstances have not lent themselves to his favor.

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the starting quarterback and sophomore Case McCoy listed as his backup, the status of David Ash's and Connor Wood's roles are uncertain. Rumors and reports that Wood will transfer have followed him all offseason. Meanwhile, the decision whether or not to redshirt David Ash hasn't been made yet.

"You don't want to do with David what you did with Case last year, where you play him a little, but don't play him enough," said head coach Mack Brown.

Brown also mentioned that he will discuss the possibility of redshirting Ash soon.

Jaxon Shipley cracks the starting lineup

Once again, Texas will have a receiver wearing a No. 8 jersey with "Shipley" on the back. Jaxon Shipley, Longhorns' all-time receptions leader Jordan Shipley's younger brother, is one of three starting receivers and will also handle punt return duties. The 6-foot-1, 190-pound wideout is the only true freshman who will start Saturday against Rice.

"He's done everything right," Brown said.

"We may get turned in to the NCAA. He wears the same number. They'll think Jordan's back."

Howell impresses peers, earns starting spot

The battle for the second starting defensive tackle spot was close, but it was won by sophomore Calvin Howell. Sophomores Ashton Dorsey and Chris Whaley, along with true freshman Desmond Jackson, should see playing time as well. But Howell did well enough this offseason to catch the attention of the defense's most experienced members, including fellow starting defensive tackle, senior Kheeston Randall.

"Calvin has made great progression over his years here," Randall said. "He's a lot more focused and [defensive tackles] coach [Bo] Davis has helped him pay closer attention to detail. It's the small things that get us in trouble in this game of football. He's just been working hard this summer and I'm really proud of Calvin."

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# GILBERT

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spring, when the newly hired Harsin opened the position to all four quarterbacks. But Gilbert didn't cement his place atop the opening depth chart until the Longhorns' second fall scrimmage.

Harsin tracked every ball each quarterback threw from the moment they set foot on campus this offseason. His formula for determining a starter was extensive: first down pickups, third down conversions, fourth down reads, red zone decisions, turnover ratio and mobility.

The result was a hotly contested race that came down to the final days of August.

"The pressure was there but it was about relaxing and playing football," Gilbert said.

Gilbert emerged from the pack for a number of reasons, but his teammates emphasized his demeanor in the huddle. The offensive line noticed a more decisive Gilbert, while the defense recalled a more vocal player bellowing the snap count.

"He's been more of a leader than he has in the past, which is really good," said senior left tackle Tray Allen.

Gilbert said he focused on becoming a more outspoken leader

this offseason, though he still considers himself a leader by example. He's consciously worked on asserting himself as he looks to regain any lost trust from last season's 5-7 debacle.

"There's times when you need to be a vocal leader," Gilbert said. "To earn respect, there's times when you have to put yourself out there and speak up. It may be uncomfortable, but that's something you have to do at times."

"Being a leader, you have to step outside your comfort zone. I think I've grown more comfortable doing that type of stuff, being vocal. If something needs to be said, I've got to sometimes force myself to say that."

Gilbert opens the season as the Longhorns' starting quarterback for the second consecutive year and says he hardly thinks about his 10 touchdown, 17 interception performance in 2010.

"There wasn't any time to sulk," Gilbert said. "It was about improving."

The Lake Travis product will get his first shot at showcasing his progression on Saturday. How long Gilbert holds on to the starting job is now up to him.

# OKAFOR

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has made the move from the secondary to linebacker and Dravanni Johnson goes from linebacker to defensive end, where Okafor will play after a couple of seasons at defensive tackle.

"It's been a great adjustment," Okafor said. "I've got an extra bounce in my step going back to end. Playing tackle, you don't get to use your speed as much, so you might have thought you lost it. But I feel like I'm still athletic. I feel like I can still get off the ball and rush the passer."

A change in position will also be met with a switch at defensive coordinator. Manny Diaz takes over for Will Muschamp and is leaving his own mark on the team, moving everyone around.

He wants 22 players on the field by the end of the season's first quarter and is sending members of the secondary into the backfield while occasionally dropping his defensive linemen into coverage, which Okafor even admitted "was a little un-

natural." Bringing quarterbacks to the turf, however, comes second nature to the junior from Pflugerville.

"He's really hard to block," Diaz said. "He has a rare combination of power and speed. In pass terminology, he can rush from power to speed or from speed to power. He can set it up both ways, almost like a pitcher with a good fastball and good off-speed stuff. So he can really keep an offense off-balance."

Okafor may be playing a dif-

ferent position and for a new defensive coordinator, but he'll still be the same aggressive pass rusher that will keep opposing offensive coordinators up at night. The Big 12 has its fair share of elite quarterbacks, but if Okafor can keep them uncomfortable in the pocket, Texas has a chance to field an elite defense.

"He has to step up," said head coach Mack Brown. "We need him to be a dominant player in this league and be one of the best defensive ends in the country."

# Texas alum Cedric Benson pleads no contest

By The Associated Press

Cincinnati Bengals running back Cedric Benson was sentenced to 20 days in jail Monday after reaching a deal to settle two misdemeanor assault cases in Texas.

Benson said he will surrender to authorities on Oct. 17, which is the Monday of Cincinnati's bye week.

"This was a difficult decision for Mr. Benson," said Sam Bassett, the running back's attorney. "His priority right now is to get back to work and put these legal matters behind him."

Benson's jail time could be significantly shorter than the sentence. He could be given credit for any time served when he was arrested and state law requires inmates be given two days credit for every day they are rewarded for good behavior. Jail overcrowding also could shorten his stay.

But for now, the Bengals must make plans to be without their leading rusher. They declined comment Monday.

Benson was arrested in 2010 for allegedly punching a bar employee in Austin, an incident that earned him a meeting with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell last year but resulted in no punishment. He pleaded no contest to a charge of assault with injury in that case.

He also was arrested last month for allegedly punching a former roommate in downtown Austin. He pleaded no contest to a charge of assault with bodily injury with family violence, and that will be dismissed if he performs 30 hours of community service and pays an undisclosed amount of restitution to the victim.

"We're pleased that Mr. Benson took responsibility for his actions today and we think this was a just result given the facts of the case," said Corby Holcomb, assistant trial director with the Travis County Attorney's Office.

The 28-year-old Benson was Chicago's first-round pick out of the University of Texas in 2005. He had two alcohol-related arrests with the Bears, who let him go in 2008.

He signed as a free agent with the Bengals and led



Al Behrman | Associated Press

Cincinnati Bengals running back Cedric Benson loosens up at the start NFL football training camp, Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, in Georgetown, Ky.

them in rushing each of the last three years — 747 yards in 2008, 1,251 yards in 2009 and 1,111 yards in 2010.

He was disappointed last season when the Bengals went away from their run-based offense that won them the AFC North title in 2009, then finished 4-12. After the Bengals changed offensive coordinators, Benson lobbied to stay in Cincinnati and signed a one-year deal. He provides a run-first option in coordinator Jay Gruden's new offense, which is being led by rookie quarterback Andy Dalton.

Benson also must pay a \$4,000 fine within 30 days.

# LEASH

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Fans (and probably the locker room) will expect changes if the Longhorns open the season in lackluster fashion. An early loss to BYU or UCLA will put a lot of heat under Gilbert's seat, regardless of how he plays, and no matter who's around him.

"Vince Young had a lot of great players next to him, but he was still the one making the plays," Vaccaro said.

Kenny Vaccaro isn't trying to create any controversy. In fact, he said all of that 10 minutes before Texas named the starting quarterback, so he wasn't calling Gilbert out. What he said did have some teeth to it, though. The Longhorns, as they usually do, expect to be very good this season. With poor quarterback play, that won't be happening.

If Brown and co-offensive coordi-

nators Bryan Harsin and Major Applewhite elect to allow a struggling Gilbert to keep playing, it sends a message to the team that poor performance is acceptable. But the coaching staff also has to be careful about pulling the trigger too quickly on Gilbert's season, as it could permanently shatter his confidence.

If it were up to me, and it's definitely not, I wouldn't start thinking about a switch until Texas loses its second game. And I'd probably wait until after the Oklahoma game as well. You don't want to throw Case McCoy to the wolves. If the Longhorns are floating around .500 at that point, you can consider changing the guard.

Give the guy some slack. It's not easy following Vince Young and Colt McCoy. Just don't give him too much.

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By Aron Fernandez

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An antique Gypsy fortune teller machine that sat for decades in this Virginia City, Mont., restaurant has received multimillion dollar offers from curators including magician David Copperfield. Collectors say the 100-year-old machine that speaks your fortune may be the last of its kind.



Michael Albans  
Associated Press

# Rare Gypsy fortune-teller incites ownership conflicts

By Matt Volz  
The Associated Press

VIRGINIA CITY, Mont. — The Gypsy sat for decades in a restaurant amid the Old West kitsch that fills this former gold rush town, her unblinking gaze greeting the tourists who shuffled in from the creaking wooden sidewalk outside.

Some mistook her for Zoltar, the fortune-telling machine featured in the Tom Hanks movie “Big.” Others took one look at those piercing eyes and got the heebie-jeebies so bad they couldn’t get away fast enough.

But until a few years ago, nobody, not even her owner, knew the nonfunctioning machine gathering dust in Bob’s Place was an undiscovered treasure sitting in plain sight in this ghost town-turned-themed tourist attraction.

The 100-year-old fortune teller was an extremely rare find. Instead of dispensing a card like Zoltar, the Gypsy would actually speak your fortune from a hidden record player. When you dropped a nickel in the slot, her eyes would flash, her teeth would chatter and her voice would come floating from a tube extending out of the eight-foot-tall box.

Word got out when the Montana Heritage Commission began restoring the Gypsy more than five years ago, and collectors realized the machine was one

of two or three “verbal” fortune tellers left in the world.

One of those collectors, magician David Copperfield, said he thinks she is even rarer than that.

“I think it’s only one of one,” Copperfield said in a recent telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Copperfield wanted the Gypsy to be the crown jewel in his collection of turn-of-the-century penny arcade games. It would occupy a place of pride among the magician’s mechanized Yacht Race, Temple of Mystery and various machines that tested a person’s strength.

Copperfield acknowledged approaching the curators about buying the Gypsy a few years ago but declined to say what he offered. Janna Norby, the Montana Heritage Commission curator who received the call from Copperfield’s assistant, said it was in the ballpark of \$2 million, along with a proposal to replace it with another fortune-telling machine. On top of that, he pledged to promote Virginia City in advertisements.

But Heritage Commission curators, representing the Gypsy’s owner — the state of Montana — rejected the idea, saying cashing in on this piece of history would be akin to selling its soul.

“If we start selling our collection for money, what do we have?” said Norby, the commission’s former curator of collections.

## GAME

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cancellation of a television show called “So You Think You Can Dodge Traffic?” “Deus Ex” punishes you for what you don’t know, and while you might not need to care that the Houston Astros are playing the San Diego Padres in the 2027 World Series, certain internal emails, PDA notes and news reports will give you a leg-up in navigating the game world and understanding its narrative.

There’s a lot going on in the world of “Deus Ex,” and to really understand the intricate and provocative themes, you have to spend a decent amount of time exploring it. There are multiple outcomes to every action you take in the game, and its climax forces Jensen to make a decision that will affect the entire course of human events. You could disregard all of this, blast through the game in around 25 hours and make all the decisions of a sociopath, but you’ll probably come away from “Deus Ex” feeling unfulfilled. To really make “Human Revolution” worth it, you’ll have to spend upwards of 40-50 hours with the game, taking on all the side quests and exploring the imposing ideas of trans-humanism and existential conflicts that ask lofty questions about what it truly means to be human.

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just get a hot pink hair tinsel.”

The tinsel comes in a variety of colors. Natural colors like copper and gold blend in with the hair, giving it only a hint of sparkle, while the

more bold colors like aquamarine and silver work well for the more adventurous.

“Being in college, I try to get some in my hair only on special occasions,

or when I plan on spending the weekend out on the town,” Puetz said.

Anyone with at least 5 inches of hair can get the tinsel.

“I’ve even had a man come in and get them,” Wolbert said. “And let’s face it, sparkles look nice on everything.”

So don’t be surprised if next time you head down-

town for thirsty Thursday, the bars seem to be lighting up a bit more.

The hair tinsel trend is catching on, and it will be here for a while.

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The Ettes will be performing tonight at Emo's to promote their new album.

# Punk rock trio comes of age, tells of frustration and relationships

By Neha Aziz  
Daily Texan Staff

Lindsay “Coco” Hames, Maria “Poni” Silver and Jeremy “Jem” Cohen make up Nashville rock trio The Ettes. Currently on tour, the band will perform at Emo’s tonight. The Ettes have slowly gained momentum touring with big name bands such as The Black Keys, The Dead Weather and Kings of Leon. They’ve also performed at numerous music festivals, including last year’s Austin City Limits. The band was also featured on the ACL 2010 music sampler from the festival, an impressive feat considering only 34 bands out of 130 make the list. The band has five albums under its belt with its latest, Wicked Will, just released earlier this month to rave reviews. The album can be described as a coming of age album as well as an album for punk rockers alike. Their music is filled with

strong beats, brilliant guitar riffs and tons of attitude — meanwhile, Hame’s voice is simply enthralling. In an Aug. 2 interview with Interview Magazine, Hames discussed some of the themes of the record. “There’s a lot of things I like in my songwriting — mainly this kind of frustration,” Hames told the magazine. “I’m not a terribly good talker, so I’ve always felt better represented by my writing. And in relationships, romantic and otherwise, you’re placed in this world in this strange generation that we’re a part of where everything is insane and nothing is like what it was growing up. There’s so much that could be and a lot of hope and curiosity about that.” Hames also mentions some of her favorite tracks, which include “Teeth” and “Worse There Is” due to their slow tempo and blunt lyrics. The Ettes have other side proj-

**WHAT:** The Ettes

**WHERE:** Emo’s

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ects and talents that go beyond the stage. The group plays with the band The Parting Gifts, who have also collaborated with Dan Auerbach from The Black Keys and Patrick Keeler of The Raconteurs. In addition, drummer Maria Silver is set to launch her own clothing line. With a crazy tour schedule, the release of five albums in the course of six years and abundant talent it’s no wonder that Spin magazine lists The Ettes as a Band You Need to Hear Now.

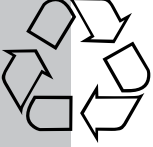
# Parties publicized on social networking sites draw thousands of guests, law enforcement

By Steven K. Paulson  
The Associated Press

DENVER — An apartment complex near Colorado State University that used Facebook to advertise “the biggest pool party of the year” got more than it bargained for — at least 2,000 people, most of them college students, showed up. It wasn’t long before the police followed. Four people, including two CSU football players, were arrested at the Fort Collins apartment complex on Saturday. Ten people were taken to the hospital, most of them for overconsumption of alcohol or minor injuries. “Some people came from as far away as Denver for this back-to-school party,” Fort Collins police Lt. Hal Dean said on Monday. The party’s Facebook page had nearly 3,000 registered people. Dean said police estimated at least 2,000 people showed up at the complex about 65 miles north of Denver. Officers had to shut down surrounding streets while they cleared the complex. The use of social networks, such as Twitter and Facebook, to

spread word of everything from parties to freedom movements has increased exponentially in recent months. In some cases, the events have led to street trouble. In Los Angeles in July, a simple tweet by DJ Kaskade telling his followers about a block party lured thousands of ravers to the Grauman’s Chinese Theatre. Things turned rowdy with revelers hurling bottles at police and some jumping on a squad car. In Fort Collins, firefighters and ambulance crews told police of the out-of-control party at the Ram’s Pointe apartment complex. Dean said police weren’t monitoring the Facebook party site — something some police agencies have begun to do after social media was used by rioters in England to organize looting and by organizers of so-called flash mobs in several U.S. cities. The apartment complex did not respond to telephone calls seeking comment on Monday. Police said complex management could be cited under the city’s nuisance gathering ordinance. Police said Monday that James Skelton, 21, was cited for third-de-

gree assault. The charges were related to a fight. Zachary Tiedgen, 21, was cited for disorderly conduct. Two others were charged. Skelton is a linebacker and Tiedgen a defensive end on the CSU Rams football team, assistant athletic director Gary Ozello said. Head coach Steve Fairchild refused comment and said the incident is under investigation. Ozello said the athletic department has a strict social media policy that warns players not to post anything to embarrass the team.

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# More families ‘unschooling’ their kids

By Leanne Italie  
The Associated Press

School’s never out for 14-year-old Zoe Bentley. Nor is it ever in. The perky teen from Tucson, Ariz., explores what she likes, when she likes as deeply as she chooses every day of the year. As an “unschooler,” Zoe is untethered from the demands of traditional, compulsory education. At the moment, she’s checking out the redwoods of California with her family, tinkering with her website and looking forward to making her next video on her favorite subject, exogeology, the study of geology on other planets. “I love seeing the history of an area,” Zoe said. “Maybe a volcano erupted and grew taller over time, or wind eroded rock into sand dunes, or a meteor hit the ground and made a crater.”

Unschooling has been around for several decades, but advocates say there has been an uptick as more families turn to homeschooling. Reliable data is hard to come by but estimates of children and teens home-schooled in the U.S. range from 1.5 million to 2 million. Of those, as many as one-third could be considered unschoolers like Zoe, meaning their parents are “facilitators,” available with materials and other resources, rather than topdown “teachers.” There’s no fixed curriculum, course schedule or attempt to mimic traditional classrooms. Unless, of course, their children ask for those things. Zoe, for instance, wanted to know more about geology once she turned 12, so she signed up for a class at Pima Community College.

Farenga, who worked with Holt, said Holt coined the term “unschooling” in 1977 but was never terribly fond of it. It stuck for lack of a better description. As an educator, Holt’s journey began with his career in posh private schools, then more progressive ones. “He called progressive schools soft jails and public schools hard jails,” Farenga said. “He described learning that takes place outside of school, but doesn’t have to take place at home and doesn’t have to look like school learning.” Rare, unschoolers said, are children who never find reasons to pick up the basics — and beyond. That could mean reading later than many parents might be comfortable with, or ignoring math until they see a reason on their own to use it. Unschoolers operate under state laws governing homeschooling, which is legal in all 50 states. Such regulations vary tremendously by state, with some requiring standardized tests or adherence to a set curriculum and others nothing more than a letter from parents describing what their kids are up to. Unschoolers



Courtesy of Lisa Cottrell-Bentley

Zoe Bentley, 14, explores the Mars Yard at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif. As an “unschooler,” Bentley is untethered from the demands of traditional, compulsory education.

they have no interest in. Colorado unschool mom Carol Brown couldn’t agree more. “Being bored makes school miserable for a lot of kids, plus there is the element of compulsion, which completely changes any activity,” the filmmaker said. Brown and her husband unschooled their oldest daughter until she left for college and their youngest until her junior year in high school. Pat Farenga of Medford, Mass., unschooled his three daughters with his wife but said: “I don’t see unschooling or homeschooling as the answer for everybody. It’s the answer for those who choose it.” Farenga, who worked with Holt, said Holt coined the term “unschooling” in 1977 but was never terribly fond of it. It stuck for lack of a better description. As an educator, Holt’s journey began with his career in posh private schools, then more progressive ones. “He called progressive schools soft jails and public schools hard jails,” Farenga said. “He described learning that takes place outside of school, but doesn’t have to take place at home and doesn’t have to look like school learning.” Rare, unschoolers said, are children who never find reasons to pick up the basics — and beyond. That could mean reading later than many parents might be comfortable with, or ignoring math until they see a reason on their own to use it. Unschoolers operate under state laws governing homeschooling, which is legal in all 50 states. Such regulations vary tremendously by state, with some requiring standardized tests or adherence to a set curriculum and others nothing more than a letter from parents describing what their kids are up to. Unschoolers said they have no trouble meeting their states’ requirements. In Alaska, for example, homeschooling parents don’t have to notify officials, file any forms or have their children tested. In Sugar Land, Texas, Elon Boman’s 11-year-old son has never been to school and doesn’t know how to write cursive. She doesn’t care. When he was younger and had no interest in learning how to read, she found a video on the subject and put it on for him to discover — or ignore as he wished. He’s a reader today. Her younger son, who’s 6, learned to read when he discovered Garfield comic books. “If children find something that they love, they’ll read,” Boman said. Ken Danford, a former middle school history teacher, has two kids who love their schools, but he doesn’t think classroom learning works for all. That’s why he co-founded and runs North Star, a program that offers an array of self-directed activities and welcomes teen unschoolers in Hadley, Mass. “Coming to my class juiced to learn U.S. history was not that common,” he said. “Kids wanted to know, was it going to be on the test, can we go outside, can we go to the bathroom?” For parents interested in unschooling who don’t want to quit their outside-the-home jobs, “we try to make it available, realistic, manageable for any regular kid,” Danford said. Kellie Rolstad is an associate professor of education and applied linguistics at Arizona State University in Tempe. She teaches a graduate seminar on unschooling and free schools each spring. She also unschools her three children, ages 11, 13 and 14. How does she know if her kids are learning anything at all? “You just do,” she said.

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Melinda Wolbert attaches tinsel to Chanel Miyama's hair at the Stella Blue Salon on Monday afternoon. Following the rise in feather extensions, tinsel is the new trend in hair salons.

## Tinsel outshines feathers as latest flashy hair trend

By Jessica Lee  
Daily Texan Staff

Nowadays, it seems like anytime a breeze blows through someone's hair, a feather is revealed. A quick glance at the sunbathers at Barton Springs Pool reveals the trend has spread to everyone from children to grandmothers.

Naturally, the fashion-forward are looking for something new, and hair tinsel appears to be the answer.

This is not the tinsel that you throw on the Christmas tree every December. Hair tinsel is a tiny highlighted strand tied to the existing hair using a special knot.

Stella Blue Boutique & Salon hair stylist Melinda Wolbert has been adding tinsel into her clients' hair for two years. After learning about hair tinsel from a woman visiting Austin,

Wolbert began a search for the product. Six months later in Las Vegas, Wolbert finally found what she was looking for.

"I think feathers are more of a fad," Wolbert said. "The tinsel is something that I think will last. It can be dressed-up for a special event or dressed down for daily wear."

Mallery Clarke, 20, recently created her own business, Disco Do Hair Tinsel, adding tinsel to her customers' hair in her College Station apartment.

"The tinsel used to be really hard to find, but now anyone can purchase it on the Internet," Wolbert said. "The reason to get it done professionally is that they won't fall out. I've had customers who have had the tinsel last in their hair for two months."

Meghan Puetz, a 21-year-old student from Georgetown, had the tin-



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Tinsel hair extensions are a new way of giving colorful reflects to your hair and allow you to change up your look without dyeing.

sel put in her hair after she heard about Clarke's business.

"Tinsel is still pretty new, so a lot of people were curious about what was causing my hair to sparkle," Puetz said. "When I told them what it was, they seemed very interested in getting some themselves."

According to both Clarke and Wolbert, the tinsel can withstand the heat of blow dryers, straightening irons and other hair tools. Customers are urged to avoid aggressive brushing in order to ensure that the knot stays in place. Wolbert said the pro-

cess can take anywhere between 30 minutes to an hour depending on the number of strands.

Celebrities such as Beyoncé and actress Whitney Port have been spotted sporting tinsel in their locks.

Tinsel has become the new alternative to drastic hair changes.

"Hair tinsels allow you to experiment with bolder colors without having to actually color or damage your hair," Clarke said. "Instead of getting a hot pink highlight someone could

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## Magician, psychology professor reveals truth behind paranormal claims in book

By Robert Starr  
Daily Texan Staff

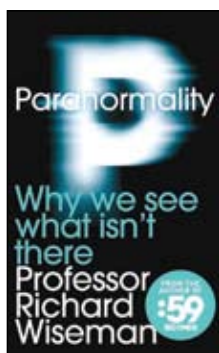
A man takes your hand, tells you to relax and then traces the lines on your palm to uncover the mysteries of your past, present and future. He tells you that you're a kind person. That the line over there means that you're a devoted friend, though you can be a little bit selfish. He even knows about your recently deceased uncle. Is the man an honest, true-to-life psychic, or is he using some sort of trick to make it appear as though he is? And, more importantly, how can we tell the difference?

Richard Wiseman was, at one time, a teenage magician and one of the youngest members to be inducted into The Magic Circle, a London-based magician group, but has now grown up to become a psychology professor in the United Kingdom at the University of Hertfordshire. He's made a career out of investigating paranormal claims and the psychology behind them and has compiled some of what he's found into his latest book, "Paranormality," where he explains why the evidence for these claims is sorely lacking. He also describes how to test for the paranormal and, as a man trained in both the art of magic and the science of psychology, is in a perfect position to explain both how the tricks are pulled off and why they work.

The palm reader, for instance, knows that people generally have a pretty high opinion of themselves and that if he starts by saying something you want to hear (kind person), you probably won't object. If he uses vague statements (devoted friend, but sometimes selfish), they'll always be true, to some degree. And he can also fish for information ("I'm sensing somebody close to you that is no longer with you." "Yes, my uncle — he died last month!"), counting on you to fill in the details of his ambiguous statement.

Wiseman debunks palm readers and psychics in his book and also describes his investigations of out-of-body experiences, telekinesis, talking to the dead, ghost hunting and several other paranormal subjects in quick, easy-to-read and often very funny prose. Despite the breadth of topics discussed, the book comes across as a coherent whole rather than as a scattershot overview.

Unfortunately, as a result of the subject matter, Wiseman had a difficult time bringing his book to America. Originally released in Great Britain, "Paranormality" couldn't find a publisher in this country because nobody saw it as marketable. Books in support of any of the subjects debunked in this one generally don't have any difficulty finding a place on shelves, though "Paranormality," with its more critical outlook, wasn't given a chance.



### Paranormality

Richard Wiseman

**Genre:** Science

**Pages:** 198

**For those who like:**

Carl Sagan's "The Demon Haunted World," James Randi's "Flim-Flam!"

**Grade:** A-

Fortunately, through the magic of e-books and self-publishing, Wiseman has released the book himself on Amazon, making it available both on the Kindle and in the more traditional paperback form.

And while this will allow people access to the book in the U.S., it's a tragedy that it won't receive a wider release since it provides an excellent introduction to skeptical thinking and how to test paranormal claims. Aside from explaining the hows and whys of each of the tricks, Wiseman includes a wealth of interesting historical information and, like any good teacher, makes his lessons interactive. He does this by incorporating several links to video and audio files on his website (and also via QR tags, allowing you to watch or listen to them on your smart phone) in addition to providing specific ways for you to apply what you've learned to appear to possess supernatural powers.

"Paranormality" is not without its faults, though. Wiseman can, at times, be a little too cutesy for his own good, and the e-book has a few weird typos and misprints, though nothing terribly distracting or confusing. And even though the video and audio content is appreciated, it may have been more effective if it was placed on a single web page accessible at a later time in addition to within the book.

Still, these are minor gripes and don't impact the book's message, which is that though it would be amazing to live in a world where some people could see into the future or bend spoons with their minds or raise spirits from the dead, it doesn't appear as if we do. Instead, we live in a different amazing world with mysteries we're still unraveling and new discoveries made every day. We don't need to look to the preternatural world to find wonder — it already exists right here in the natural one.

## Prequel goes out on limb with cybernetic story line



### Dues Ex: Human Revolution

Eidos Montréal

**Genre:** first-person shooter

**Platform:** PS3, XBOX 360, PC

**Rating:** M

**Grade:** B+

By Benjamin Smith  
Daily Texan Staff

Within the first 15 minutes of "Deus Ex: Human Revolution," you die — in one of the more realistic portrayals of what would actually happen if you got thrown through a plate glass window. You get better, though, and in a few short months return to your job as head of security for Sarif Industries, a biotechnology company headquartered in Detroit (obviously). Resurrection, however, does have its downside, and you, Adam Jensen, are now more machine than man.

The conflict at the core of "Deus Ex" concerns the heated debate over human enhancement technologies, namely cybernetics, a field in which Sarif Industries is considered a pioneer. By 2027, these technologies have become advanced to a point where commercial interests have begun to supersede their medical applications. Invasive cybernetic augmentations like whole-limb prosthetics are in vogue and the corporations that produce them market their products as little more than plastic surgery. It seems odd that a person would willingly give up a perfectly healthy pair of legs for robot ones — until you consider that these robot legs are awesome — allowing you to run faster, jump higher and exponentially increase your literal ass-kicking power.

The choice of whether or not to augment himself with cybernetic prosthetics is not one Adam Jensen ever had the luxury of making; that decision was made for him as soon as he was unceremoniously tossed through a solid inch of glass. The decision to upgrade those enhancements, however, is entirely his — your — own and works within the framework of the game as a traditional RPG system.

Over the course of a play-through you'll gain XP towards "Praxis points" that allow you to overhaul or expand on your augmentations, granting you abilities like x-ray vision, dermal armor and invisibility. Some of these enhancements are preposterously cool: such as one that allows you to punch through a wall so you can punch through the guy on the other side or the Typhoon weapon system that unleashes a hail of projectiles from a vest into the immediate area around Jensen in a 360-degree arc of death.

The system is interesting because the narrative of the game tends to warn against it, as each upgrade really separates Jensen more and more from his humanity. One particular upgrade option to Jensen late in the game actually has the potential to drastically affect later events. Those who could care less about such things, though, can expedite their trans-humanism by purchasing a limited number of additional Praxis points at "limb clinics" that become available periodically over the course of the game.

If you're looking to turn Jensen into the kind of cyborg that would make fellow Detroit resident Robocop look like the robot from "Short Circuit," one thing you'll have to

keep in mind is battery life. Jensen's badassery is considerably curtailed by a system that requires melee moves and many augmentations to use up battery cells. You'll start the game with two of these and can add up to three more, but keeping those energy reserves filled requires the consuming of special nutrients that can be purchased at limb clinics but are otherwise few and far between. The system can be frustrating at times, but really it's there to force you to play the game with a modicum of strategy, and bending to its will nets you a much richer gameplay experience.

The gameplay in "Deus Ex" takes its cues from a number of preexisting franchises, expertly weaving them together into its own unique brand. Like in "Mass Effect," "Deus Ex" breaks up linear story missions with open-ended gameplay in city hubs where you can do things like access merchants and pick up side quests. The story missions themselves typically demand a stealthier approach and work within the familiar framework of stealth-action titles such as "Metal Gear Solid" and "Splinter Cell," with the only difference being that "Deus Ex" plays in first person. You won't really see anything new here, but the AI is solid, the cover system works and the stealth engine is clean.

The weapon system is similarly sound if not also unremarkable. There's not a great selection of guns but the half-dozen attachments available for most of them almost entirely negates this.

When it comes to graphics, "Deus Ex" has one foot in greatness and the other in mediocrity. Most of the game looks above average. On the whole, it's nothing stellar but settings are diverse, the lighting is brilliant and environments are layered. The two main city hubs, Detroit and the Shanghaiese island of Hengsha, sit amid beautifully designed backdrops and are each poignantly defined by their distinct art directions. Hengsha in particular looks remarkable, a dual-layered metropolis dominated by a gargantuan platform, the impossible megastructure upon which sits the sleek, sun-soaked upper city and below which the glittery, neon-drenched lower city lies in perpetual darkness.

The graphics really come up short, though, in the character models. Jensen looks good, but outside of the main cast NPCs look horrible, particularly the women. It's not a huge deal, but having to receive side-quests from some sideshow sporting a bizarrely textured face that looks like it's been wiped down with Armor All can really put you off at times.

What makes "Deus Ex: Human Revolution" an achievement is its story, with Eidos more than succeeding in crafting a deep and immense world with involved characters and a considered mythology. You'll pick up e-books reviewing decades in global politics, read emails about the retirement of Stephen Strasburg from a revived Montreal Expos franchise and see news crawls about the

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Courtesy of Eidos Montreal

Adam Jensen, the protagonist of "Deus Ex: Human Revolution," was forced to trade his legs for bionic limbs after falling out of a window.